

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 6775**

LCO No. 4857

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF
CERTIFICATION FOR A POLICE OFFICER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "police officer", "certification" and "law enforcement unit" have
3 the same meanings as provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes
4 and "cost of certification" means the cost of training, equipment,
5 uniforms, salary and fringe benefits and any cost related to the entry
6 level requirements established by the Police Officer Standards and
7 Training Council associated with the police officer, except that "cost of
8 certification" does not include the cost of any equipment or uniforms
9 that were returned by such officer.

10 (b) When a police officer obtains certification while employed by a
11 law enforcement unit and is subsequently hired by another law
12 enforcement unit on or after October 1, 2015, and within four years of
13 such officer obtaining such certification, the law enforcement unit
14 hiring the police officer shall reimburse the initial law enforcement
15 unit the cost of certification as follows: (1) If the police officer is hired
16 not more than one year after certification, reimbursement shall be the
17 full cost of certification, (2) if the police officer is hired more than one
18 year, but less than two years, after certification, reimbursement shall

19 be two-thirds of the cost of certification, (3) if the police officer is hired
20 more than two years, but less than three years, after certification,
21 reimbursement shall be one-half of the cost of certification, and (4) if
22 the police officer is hired more than three years, but less than four
23 years, after certification, reimbursement shall be one-quarter of the cost
24 of certification.

25 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect an agreement
26 between a police officer or a collective bargaining unit and a law
27 enforcement unit entered into before October 1, 2015, that provides for
28 the reimbursement of the cost of certification.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section